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1. ADMIRAL GAYLER SPENT USEFUL 23 HOURS IN MANILA MAY 25 AND 26. ACCOMPANIED BY POLAD ROGER SULLIVAN AND MEMBERS OF CINCPAC STAFF, HE CONFERRED FIRST WITH MEMBERS OF MY STAFF AND ADMIRAL SHELTON. SUBSEQUENTLY, I HOSTED DINNER FOR HIM AT WHICH SECRETARIES ENRILE, MELCHOR, AND UNDERSECRETARY SALIENTES, PLUS GENERAL ESPINO WERE PRESENT. MORNING MAY 26, PRESIDENT MARCOS HOSTED STAG BREAKFAST WITH SLIGHTLY EXPANDED ATTENDANCE WHICH HE PRECEDED BY CLOSED-DOOR DISCUSSION WITH ONLY MARCOS, MELCHOR, GAYLER AND MYSELF IN CAMERA.

2. THESE VARIOUS TALKS HELPED ACHIEVE SOMEWHAT GREATER PRECISION IN DEFINING CURRENT GOP OBJECTIVES WITH RESPECT US-RP SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, ESPECIALLY AS THEY INVOLVE U.S. MILITARY BASES IN PHILIPPINES. ESSENTIALLY, THEY CONFIRM OUR
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EARLIER ANALYSES THAT MARCOS WISHES TO CONTINUE HIS SECURITY

ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, BUT SEEKS TO HAVE THEM MADE MORE PALATABLE TO HIS ASEAN, THIRD WORLD, AND ASIAN COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS, AS WELL AS TO PHILIPPINE GENERAL PUBLIC.

3. ADMIRAL GAYLER, IN OUR CLOSED-DOOR SESSION WITH MARCOS, STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF U.S. NAVAL AND AIR PRESENCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE "MATRIX" OF SECURITY IN WHICH THE PHILIPPINES COULD SURVIVE. HE EMPHASIZED THE CAPABILITY OF THE SOVIET NAVY TO DOMINATE THE SEA LANES IF THE U.S. SEVENTH FLEET WERE TO WITHDRAW FROM THIS AREA. HE FURTHER STRESSED THE COMPLEMENTARITY OF U.S. AIRPOWER IN CONJUNCTION WITH SEA POWER TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS TASK.

4. MARCOS SAID HE ACCEPTED FACT THAT PHILIPPINE SECURITY DEPENDED ON U.S. NAVAL AND AIR POWER. HE THEN WENT INTO LENGTHY DESCRIPTION OF POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ATMOSPHERE THAT HE DETECTED BOTH WITHIN PHILIPPINES AND IN OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES AS RESULT COMMUNIST VICTORIES IN INDOCHINA. HE SAID THESE VICTORIES HAD GIVEN ENORMOUS CACHET TO "THE NEW REGIMES" IN INDOCHINA AND HAD CAUSED A WAVE OF ANTAGONISM TOWARD ALIEN, PARTICULARLY WESTERN, INVOLVEMENT IN ASIAN AFFAIRS. THIS WAVE WAS RAISING ALL THE "OLD GHOSTS OF THE PAST". AMONG THESE HE LISTED THE CHARGES THAT RP WAS U.S. PUPPET, THAT BASES CONSTITUTED EXTRATERRITORIALITY, ETC. HE FORESAW INTENSIFICATION OF THESE ATTITUDES AND WISHED TO MOVE NOW TO NEUTRALIZE THEM RATHER THAN WAITING UNTIL THEY WOULD FORCE U.S. PRESENCE OUT OF PHILIPPINES.

5. HE CONCEDED THAT ALEX MELCHOR'S "STUDIES" ABOUT CONVERTING SUBIC INTO A COMMERCIAL SHIPYARD AND CLARK TO A CIVILIAN INDUSTRIAL CENTER MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN "OUT OF CONTEXT" BY US AND WERE "PREMATURE". HE SAID THAT THE IMPORTANT THING WAS TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THE BASES TRULY PHILIPPINE RATHER THAN U.S. BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

6. ADMIRAL GAYLER SAID, AS MILITARY MAN, MOST IMPORTANT FEATURE TO HIM WAS ASSURANCE THAT U.S. WOULD CONTINUE TO
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HAVE SAME OPERATIONAL ACCESS TO BASES WHICH IN NOW ENJOYS. HE ASSUMED "IT WOULD NOT BE IMPOSSIBLE" TO ARRANGE FOR THE PHILIPPINE COLORATION WHICH MARCOS CONSIDERS POLITICALLY NECESSARY. MARCOS CONFIRMED THAT HE WOULD ENVISAGE CONTINUING CURRENT OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, BUT WANTED "A LITTLE STATESMANSHIP" TO MAKE THE BASES PHILIPPINE IN CHARACTER. HE ASKED THAT U.S. AND GOP STUDY THE PROBLEM URGENTLY, BUT STRESSED THAT HE WAS NOT ATTEMPTING TO FIND

A HURRIED SOLUTION, OR TO "PANIC" US.

7. AT BREAKFAST, MARCOS ADVERTED TO HIS DESIRE TO VISIT SUBIC AND CLARK. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO DO IT IN TWO SEPARATE TRIPS. "SUBIC OUGHT TO BE WORTH A FULL DAY". TENTATIVELY, HE IS THINKING OF DATES IN WEEK BEGINNING JUNE 15.

8. ON THE QUESTION OF THE STUDIES PROPOSED, MELCHOR TALKED WITH GAYLER AFTER DINNER MAY 25 IN TERMS OF PREPARING STUDIES ABOUT HOW TO WORK TOWARD CONVERSION OF SUBIC SHIP REPAIR FACILITY, INTO JOINT COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE AND CLARK INTO COMMERCIAL AIRPORT SERVING REGION FOR SST AND C5A TRAFFIC. MELCHOR TALKED IN TERMS OF 1991, THOUGH HE LEFT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT 1991 DATE CAN BE WALKED BACK TO EARLIER TERMINUS IF CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE. SINCE THIS CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO CONVERSATION WITH MARCOS REPORTED ABOVE, I WILL SEEK FURTHER CLARIFICATION FROM MELCHOR AT DINNER WITH HIM THIS EVENING AND ATTEMPT TO GET OUR UNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT STUDIES ON ALL FOUR FEET.
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